Disinvestment of Indo-Burma Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

1. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government plan to disinvest Indo-Burma Petroleum Corporation Ltd.;

(b) whether Government had considered the recommendations of Nitish Sen Gupta Committee for merging IBP with either Bharat Petroleum Corporation or Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd; and

(c) if so the basis of rejection of recommendations?

(d) THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The Disinvestment Commission had recommended that Government, while retaining 26% equity in IDP, might offer the balance to an Indian oil company or joint sector oil company or foreign oil companies, through an international global bidding process. After considering various options including the one recommended in Nitish Sengupta Committee Report and all aspects, Government decided that Government would retain only 26% equity in IBP Co. Limited and disinvestment of the balance 33.6% would be carried out through international competitive bidding in which the domestic oil companies can also participate.

Disinvestment of Air India

2. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment process of Air India was to be completed by March, 2001; and

(b) if so, the latest position in the case alongwith the details of modality and the conditionalities of the disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Qualification process of interested bidders is underway and agreerments to be sent to the bidders for inviting the final technical and financial bids have been finalised.

CAG report regarding undervaluation of Modern Food Industries Ltd.

3. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Suspicious mould on this Bread" in Outlook dated the 2nd July, 2001 regarding CAG Report on undervaluation of Modern Food Industries;

(b) if so, the discrepancies observed in CAG's preliminary report on the valuation of MFL; AND

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The observation made in CAGs Preliminary Report on the valuation of MFIL have been replied by the Government in detail.

White Paper on Disinvestment Policy

4. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several Political Parties have demanded a White Paper on disinvestment policy;

(b) if so, whether Government had ignored the demand of the political parties deliberately;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and